

delicious and well-served dinner. The menu was Beef Cutlet with red wine sauce, noodles, peas and carrots and cauliflower, a creme for dessert and a choice of two drinks--Orange or Lemonade. We paid 24 schillings for each drink.

At 8:30 p.m., a man came to the lobby of the hotel to invite us to a special program that had been arranged for previously, for 50 schillings. He led the way to the Hotel Gasthoff Sailor U Rest Stiftskeller Innsbruck, several blocks from our hotel, the Grauer Baer. It was raining and we had to walk very fast to keep up with the "Pied Piper" who was one of the performers. We really didn't know what to expect. We were ushered into a large room with a stage in the left corner of the front wall, with seating arrangements for the audience in front and one side of the stage, with long tables and chairs in the back. While we waited for our escort, we met tourists from California, Illinois, and Michigan.

The programs were printed in French, German, English, and Spanish. Young girls were selling programs and taking orders for drinks. The program started before they could fill all our orders. The program was sponsored by an original Tiroler Ensemble. It was a lively and fast moving program -- folk singing and yodeling and dancing, instrumental numbers, a singing saw, clarinet, xylophone, harp and cow bells. The costumes were very colorful and they were a lively bunch. No one needed hearing aids. For the Grand Finale, one of the girls held a flag and all the people in the audience from that particular country would stand up and join the group singing a song from their country. When the girl waved the United States flag, we stood up and joined the chorus singing, "The Stars and Stripes Forever" and "I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy." The whole audience clapped as we sat down. Germany, Switzerland, France, Italy, England, Austria, Mexico, Canada and many other countries were represented and honored. It was a good way to end a lively program. The cast members sold records and tapes during intermission and at